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David Robert Diggins et al.) Group Art Unit: 1734
Application No.: 10/089,470) Examiner: SING P CHAN
Filed: March 20, 2002) Confirmation No.: 9637
For: METHOD OF FORMING A COATED)
OPTICAL ELEMENT)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated September 2, 2004, Applicants elect with traverse Group I, which includes claims 41-77 and 80 and is drawn to a method of forming a coated optical element and ophthalmic lens, for examination at this time. The claims of Group II are believed to be related to a single inventive concept and, therefore, properly examinable with Group I since they all depend from independent claim 41.

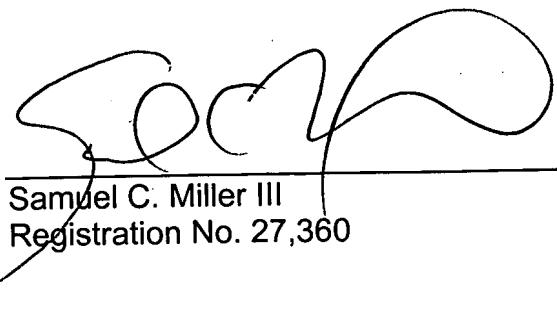
Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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